

Small Groups

Not attending a small group? There are several opportunities for you to get plugged in!

- **Adult Sunday School Class:** meets the first, third, and fourth Sundays of the month in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Journey Men:** men's group meets the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 7:30 am at the church.
- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** one group open to all at 9:30 am in the Crossroads classroom; women's study that meets at 10:00 am in SE Classroom. You are welcome at both!
- **Chick Chat:** a women's small group, meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 am in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Men's Group:** meets Wednesdays at 7:30 am at The Original Pancake House.

This week's calendar ...

Today, Dec 15	10:45 am	Adult Sunday School
Mon, Dec 16	10:00 am	Parkinson's Support Group
	6:00 pm	Chesterbrook Academy Christmas Program
Tue, Dec 17	9:30 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:45 pm	Mission Team
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Wed, Dec 18	7:30 am	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Prayer Team
	6:00 pm	Praise Band
Thu, Dec 19	9:00 am	Chick Chat
	11:30 am	Senior Saint's "A Christmas Gathering"
	6:00 pm	Ad Council Mtg
	7:00 pm	Scouts
Sat, Dec 21	7:30 am	Journey Men
	9:00 am	Quilters

Joy

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Romans 15:13 (NIV)



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Welcome to Worship!

December 15, 2024 9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Advent Candle Lighting

Rita Collins & Amy Markstahler

Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Offering

"Heaven Everywhere"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Praise Song

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Message

"Joy of Christmas" Rev Jungil Rhee

Hymn

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

The Rhee family is inviting everyone to the parsonage this afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00pm for a Christmas Open House.



Each month this Fall we will be having two events per month: one Sunday night and one Sunday morning. Tonight, Dec 15 - 6-7:30pm at the Taylors' home Contact Andrea and Paul Taylor / 217-840-1342 for more info.



If you'd like to provide a Christmas card to one or more of our homebound friends the cards can be found on the Welcome Center. All you need to do is take a checklist, pick a card, sign it, write a note if you wish, put the name on the envelope and bring it back to the church this week. Cards will be mailed on Friday.



Please join us for A Christmas Gathering this Thursday. Carl Johnson and his combo will be providing musical entertainment. Lunch will be provided starting at 11:30 am. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry. RSVP to Kay or Gene McCoy. Do you need a ride? Just let us know. We don't want anyone to miss out because they don't have transportation.



Help us "Bless the Parkinson's Group" by bringing Christmas treats (candy, cookies, cakes, etc) to the church by Sunday, Dec 22. Please leave the treats in the kitchen and we will prepare them for the group. If you have questions contact Kay McCoy or the church office.



Join us at noon on Sunday, Dec 22 for the Illinois vs Missouri Braggin' Rights basketball game following worship! The Mission Team will be selling concessions. Proceeds will go to C-U @ Home.

Please join us for a time of fellowship directly following the worship service today!

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